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Mr Reginald Simpson
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Dear Mr Simpson:

Please pardon my delay in answering your letter, but I have been sick in bed, and not able to do much.

First of all, it was very nice to receive it. Although the tone of it showed you were not pleased with things, still the fact that you wrote showed how great your interest is. When I say you, I realize you are speaking for many "Eagle" fans.

Now I want to say I feel you are being a little unfair to pass final judgement so soon. There are many things that enter into the successful operation of a baseball club, that I am sure the fans do not give any thought to. No ball club plays perfect baseball. There will always be errors on the field, and errors in judgement. As long as the mistakes are not deliberate, they should be forgiven. When a team loses, all the loyal fans are disturbed, but I know when I tell you what I attribute the trouble to. I know you have seen the batting averages of the team in the papers. Only two regulars on the team were hitting the ball, Pearson and Davis. I know all the fans as well as me, expected Irving, Doby, Harvey, etc. to hit much more than they have. All the men who have been in this slump, with the exception of Harvey, are veterans of this war. I know all the fans wanted to see them back in the lineup, and certainly want them to have a fair chance to get back in stride. They will all come around I am sure. In the meantime we must all be a little patient.

Another thing that happened was two men we expect to be a lot of help, did not join the team until this past monday, Patterson and Givens. I understand they look as good as we expected them to, and I am sure their presence will help a lot. Please ask the fans to be patient just a little longer.

Very Truly Yours